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THREE CENTS.

THE FALLING WATERS.

The Rivers Have Reached Their Highest Point and the Floods are Receding.

Some Idea Given of the Great Damage Done to Property.

Homeless Women and Children Crowded into Public Halls for Temporary Shelter.

The Losses Reaching Into Millions, But Few Fatal Results.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Feb. 7 .- The most assuring sign to-day is a white fing with a black center floating from the signal service building, denoting the coming of cold weather. It is the first time the signal has been used, and it could never be more welcome. A freeze will hasten the falling Now it is thought the river will continue to rise here until Saturday or Sunday, and if no more rain comes it will then fall rapidly. The view from the suspension bridge this merning is not cheering. Along the Covington front of the Licking river it

the Covington front of the Licking river it is entirely submerged, the water being in the second story of dwellings. Newport presents the appearance of a lake, with a few dwellings peering out like small islands.

Ten school houses have been closed in the submerged parts of the city, and placed at the disposal of the relief committee for accommodation of the people driven from their beauty. their houses.

people still contemplate an even greater The people still contemplate an even greater rise than that of last year, but without alarm. It is estimated that the losses from the overflow will not be more than 10 per cent, as much as last year, owing to better care to present the people of the peop

much as last year, owing to better cate to prevent loss.

COLUMBUS, ORIO, Feb. 7.—The Scioto river at this point fell over two feet since morning. No fears of further damage from the ficods are cutertained here.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The ice in the between is still moving slowly down at the

Pour Jervis, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The ice in the Delaware is still moving slowly down at the rate of about five miles an hour. There are six or eight feet of water back of the ice. The cice stops at almost every raft, backs up, and then sweeps on. It has reached Pine Grove. At Lackawanns there is a dam and aqueduct of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company. The ice will not reach Port Jervis before night. It is rumored that there will not be sufficient water to carry it past Port not be sufficient water to carry it past Port

The ice passed out of the Delaware at this place at 4:15 this afternoon with only a mo-mentary stoppage. The ice and lumber are now running. Very little damage was done by the flood, and only a few rafts that were frozen in the river were carried away. Everything else had been moved to a place of safety. CAIRO, ILL., Feb. 7.—The river at noon was 40 feet and 6 inches and rising an inch an

hour. The weather is getting colder. A light rain continues.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Feb. 7, noon.—The rains have ceased and the waters are falling in northern Ohio. At Youngstown the low lands were submorged eight inches deeper at 7 o'clock this morning than had previously been known. The manufactories have shut down. People are rowing about in boats. At noon the water had fallen two inches and was receding. About Agron the water has fallen three feet, and no further damage is expected. The railways are reauming operations. In the vicinity of Canton a similar condition is reported. At Garrettsville the water has fallen from two to three feet. At Meadville the freshet is subsiding.

Fittentura, Pa., Feb. 7.—Measures for the relief of the sufferers by the flood will be hour. The weather is getting colder. A light

relief of the sufferers by the flood will be taken to-day. The Allegheny councils met this morning, and appointed a committee to receive subscriptions, and to take such other action as would be found necessary to relieve the present wants of the needy. This afternoon public meetings will be held in this city for the same purpose. Donations are already pouring in from citizens, and it is thought no difficulty will be experienced in raising the amount needed. The publich alis of both cities are filled with women and chil-dren who have been rendered homeless and everything possible is being done in the way of furnishing them with food and raiment t nilevinte their sufferings. In the city hall a number of women and children are reported

to be very ill.

P(TTSHURG, Feb. 7.—Manager Elisler has tendered the use of the Ohio house for the benefit of the sufferers after next Wednesday afternoon, the fifteenth instant.

The tail in the rivers continued all day, and

The hall in the rivers continued all day, and it 8 o'clock to-night the Monongahela marks registered 30 feet 6 inches—a fall of nearly 3 feet since midnight. The Allegheny marks show 31 feet, and is falling about 3 inches an hour. Many streets in this city are now clear of water, but in its stead barrels, twisted boards, and ice are piled several feet high, and in many places have been left high and day on land by the receding waters. dry on land by the recoding waters. Communi-cation with Allegheny City by street cars is still cut off, but by to-morrow morning it is thought the cars will be able to run. The Allegheny Valley and West Pennsylvania railroads are running trains again as usual. At a meeting of citizens this afternoon an executive committee was appointed, who were instructed to take immediate steps to relieve all sufferers in the two cities. Com-mittees representing leading business inter-ests were also appointed to solicit donations. liefore these provisions can be made, however. the suffering will be greatamong those living in the second stories of their houses, and who have been without food or fire for thirty-six hours. Two more fatalities have been reported: William Bowman, aged 50, living in the Eighth ward of Alloghony City, while attempt-ing to step out of a window into a skilf fell into the water and the current carried him into the water and the current carried him away. Harvey Geming, aged 11 years, who has been missing from his house in the First ward of Aliegheny City since Tuesday, was found drowned this afternoon.

Wheelling, W. Va., Feb. 7, 1:30 p. m.—The river now marks 30 feet, and is still rising. There was great distress during the night, and the steamer Bells Prince was this morn.

and the steamer Bella Prince was this morn engaged in taking families off the island, ore, however, many still remain. The ifs have also done good work. Many ensualties have been reported, but investiga tion shows that there was slight foundation for most of them. Many heartrending in-stances of sick people being imprisoned all night amid the waste of waters came to light this morning. The Beliaire (Ohio) Goblet works caught fire this morning from lime smeking in the water, but the flames did little harm. The scenes about the city are unprecedented within this contary. There is four feet more water than in the famous flood of 1852, and two or three feet more is expected. It is impossible at this time to give an estimate of the damage. Business is

The river at 6 p.m. was 51 feet and 6 inches, and rising slowly. The steamers Belle Prince and Princess have been buslly engaged all day in bringing people from the island. More damage to become ty than was ever experienced here before has been done. The fair ground is a total wreck, and three houses came down to day from above. The weather is cloudy and cool. Vastly larger areas are submerged than in 1832, and houses. barns, and bridges, and straw and hay stacks have been floating past all day. The Wheeling Chuese company toses about \$50,000 by the water in the cellars of its stor-

be great. The Western Union Telegraph company's office can only be reached by boats. The wires of the Haltimore and Ohio company are all down. Telephone communication with the suburbs is cut off. The water and gas works gave out today, and to-night the city is in darkness and at the mercy of fire, if one should start. The streets of half of the city are navigable only in boats, and all sorts of improvised craft are plying as ferries. Many people are still expessed on the island, not a spot of which remains above water. The work of removing them goes bravely on by skiffs and steamboats. A relief meeting was held this afternoon and \$2,700 raised in half an hour, and committees appointed to look after the destitute.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 7.—The board of trade started relief measures this morning, and sent out a boat with provisions to the submerged districts. But little suffering is reported as yet.

Jeffersonville, Ind., and New Albany, Ind.,

are waiting patiently for their inundation, but have suffered nothing as yet from water. WILLIAMSPORT, PA., Feb. 7.—The river reached twenty feet this afternoon and began falling. A large lot of logs have passed down. Some of the treatle work of the Reading railroad in this city has been dam-

down. Some of the trestle work of the Reading railroad in this city has been damaged so that trains cannot pass over it before morning. The ice has all passed. Reports from up the river say that the water is falling fast. The weather is cool.

EVANSVILLE, IND., Feb. 7.—The river is still rising 2 inches per hour. It is now 42 feet 4 inches on the gauge. The boats are busy saving stock, grain, and families. No change has occurred in the weather, which is warm, and a light rain is falling. The news from the Wabash and White rivers is gloomy. Coshecton, Ohio, Feb. 7.—The Miskingum, Tuscarawas, and Walhonding rivers are higher than for twenty-five years. There are bud washouts at Navarre and Bedford, on the Connotton Valley railroad, and the long bridge at Bartlett is threatened. No trains have been run on this road since Monday.

At Trenton the Pan Handle tracks are under water for half a mile, and 100 yards of track is washed away. There is another bad washout at Mingo junction.

The east-bound Pan Handle trains that have arrived here since midnight have been sidetracked, and will probably not get out to-night. The damage caused by the flood in eastern Ohlo will be incalculable. The rivers at this hour (6 p. m.) are still rising four inches per hour below Zanesville. A number of bridges are reported gone.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—A dispatch from Vincences, Ind., says: The Wabash, which were broken last year, have not been repaired, and one of the destroyed.

The levees along the Wabash, which were broken last year, have not been repaired, and great fear prevails that disastrous losses cannot be avoided.

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A special from Memphis, Tenn., says; The floods pouring out of the upper rivers are giving great concern to the people in this vicinity, who cannot see any possibility of avoiding one of the most serious overflows that over devastated the lowlands. A warning has been sent to the planters below to remove their stock to places of safety, which, if heeded, will save them thousands of delars. It has been raining almost steadily during the past thirty-six hours, which will swell all the interior streams and add to the disaster.

AMERICAN CATTLE.

Debate in the House of Commons as to Prohibiting Its Importation into Great Britain.

LONDON, Feb. 7 .- In the house of commons this evening Mr. Henry Chaplin (conservative), member for Mid-Lincolnshire, moved that a measure to provent the importation of animals suffering from foot and mouth dis-ease be introduced without delay.

Mr. Gladstone said he could not give the

pledge of the government that such a measure should have precedence of the great measures mentioned in the speech from the throne. Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks Beach conservative), member for Gloucostershire East, said that the government knew that the disease still existed in America, Holland, and Germany, yet they were not prepared to give a definite pledge to prohibit immediately

the importation of cattle from countries in which the disease prevails.

Mr. Arthur Arnold (liberal), member for Salford, asserted that only one case of disease could be proved to have been imported from America in the last six months. The government, he declared, would do great injury to British consumers if they should stop the im-portation of cattle from America.

A "Jesse James" Gang in New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.-Robert Hawthorne James McGuire, alias "Jesso James," and Charles Arita, alias "Balline," who are members of an organized band of West Side burglars and sneak thieves, were arrested by the police to-day and lodged in police headquarters. They carried on their depredations among West Side firms, and for over a year have builted every effort of the police to capture them. They have stolen several thousand dollars' worth of property, and four-teen well authenticated complaints have been lodged against them. They will be arraigned in court to-morrow.

"Texas Dan" Arrested.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.-Daniel Wallace, alias "Texas Dan," suspected of the robbery and attempted murder of Leander W. Brown, near Dallas, Texas, last November, was ar-rested here to-day and will be returned to

Senator Blackburn Bauqueted.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 7.-A banquet was given here to-night at the Phonix hotel in honor of J. C. S. Blackburn. Members of the legislature and a number of invited guests from Louisville and other places were in at-

A Boy Aceldentally Shot. CUMBERLAND, MD., Feb. 7.-Margaret O'Donnell, a young unmarried lady, while shooting rats with a pistol in South Cumberland, this morning, accidentally shot and killed Thomas Coughlin, aged 14.

A Statue to Wendell Phillips. Boston, Feb. 7 .- The movement for the rection of a statute of Wendell Phillips, by popular subscription, has already taken defi-nite shape in this city, and the lists received many signatures to-day.

Arrested for Robbing the Mails. BURLINGTON, Vr., Feb. 7.—William J. Lambert, mail carrier between the postoffice and the railroad station, was arrested here to-day on the charge of robbing the mails.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

—The council of the Catholic priests of the Albany, N. Y., diocese ended yesterday. An extracession was amorumed to consider the establishment of a fund for alck and disabled clergymen. — A juvenile Jesse James gang, at Minneapolis, Minn., took a lad named Johnny Nolan to a neighbor's barn and hanged him, where he was stringling in death's threes when found and cut down.

-Jacob Rogers, a special flagman, was struck by a local passanger train at Crausford, N. J. on the Philadelphia and Reading road, this morning and instantly killed. He flagged the train, and then walked in front of it.

The Grand Army encampment of Pennsylvania has elected H. H. Dyer, department commander; Austin Curtin, of Center county, senior vice commander; J. B. Davis, medical director Rev. J. W. Sayers, of Philadelphia, chaplain.

and Market streets also lose heavily in per-ishable goods now under water. Several houses floated off on the island and the south side to-day. The losses will aggregate over \$1,000,000. No loss of life is reported here, but the fatality among sick persons who were removed from exposed houses will probably

ANXIETY FELT FOR GORDON.

His Capture Reported, but the Rumor Not Credited-Debate on Egyptian Affairs in the House of Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 7 .- A dispatch from Alexandria to the Daily News asserts that the rebels have captured Gen. Gordon.

A dispatch from Cairo to Reuter's Telegram company says that Gen. Gordon cannot reach Berber before to-morrow. It is therefore quite impossible for any authentic news of his movement to reach Cairo before to-morrow. The story of his capture is discredited. A steamer from Khartoum reached Berber to-day. It suffered no molestation dur-

ber to-day. It sunered no molestation during the trip.

Official advices from Cairo announce that the total number killed near Tokar was 2,250. This includes ninety-six officers, sixteen of whom were staff officers.

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present under his command 3,500 men, a third of whom are unarmed.

It is officially denied that the tribes beyond Korosko are in revolt.

In the house of commons to-day Sir Stafford Northcote, the leader of the opposition, gave notice that he will introduce a resolution on Tuesday stating that, in the opinion of the house, the recent events in the Sondan are the direct result of the weellating and are the direct result of the vaciliating and inconsistent policy of the government. This was greeted with loud cheers from the op-

position.

The Marquis of Hartington, secretary of The Marquis of Hartington, secretary of state for war, stated that no dispatches had been received confirmatory of the rumored capture of Gen. Gordon. A telegram to-day from Sir Evelyn Baring, British minister at Cairo, made no mention of this occurrence. Mr. Gladstone denied that Sinkat had been captured by the rebels, but admitted that its condition was critical. He stated further that the government knew absolutely nothing of the messacre of the 400 men under Towfik Bey.

Towfik Bey.
CAIRO, Fob. 7.—It is estimated that 600 rebels were killed in the late fight. The khedive has sent messages of sympathy to Baker Pasha.

Baker Pasha.

Baker Pasha telegraphs his men will be able to hold out for only a short time behind the trenches. Spies report that the rebels intend to attack Suakin.

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A prefect of police will be appointed at Suakin, with full powers over the natives, as many of them are regularly informing Osman Digma, the rebel chief, of what is be-Ing done at Suakin. It is expected here that Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood's army will go to Suakin. Travelers coming down the Nile report that

Travelers coming down the Nue report toat the news of Gen. Gordon's mission was universally we'comed along the river.

DUBLIN, Feb. 7.—The United Ireland this morning under the heading "Speed the Mahdi," congratulates the Faise Prophet on the recent victory, and hopes that neither Sinkat nor Khartoum will be relieved. It trusts that Gen. Gordon will meet with the trusts that Gen. Gordon will meet with the

trusts that Gen. Gordon will meet with the same fate as Baker Pasha, and assorts that it will rejoice to hear of El Mahdi's victorious arrival at Cairo.

New York, Feb. 7.—A Suakin special says that El Mahdi recently wrote to Osman Digna, leader of the rebels in that vicinity, that he intended to invade Turkey and kill the sultan, to conquer India, and eventually to subjugate the whole world.

Grave fears are entertained that the Mussulmans of Suakin will treacherously rise and massacre the European residents.

Extensive Sale of Texas Land.

DALLAS, TEXT Feb. 7.—Information has been received here that George B. Leving, of this state, now in England representing the Texas Investment company, has sold a large amount of ranche property situated in four adjoining countries on Double security, finite, Brazos river, for \$2,500,000. This is said to Brazos river, for \$2,500,000. This is said to be the largest property transaction ever made. The Mill Iron and Continental Cattle companies have just been consolidated, and will be hereafter known as the Continental Land and Cattle company, with headquarters in Dallas, Tex., and St. Louis, Mo. The cash capital is \$3,000,000, but the property interests exceed \$5,000,000. This is the largest corporation of the kind in the world. Arrangements are in progress to make the next annual meeting of the North west Texas Cattle Growers' association, to be held here on March 11, the greatest event of the kind over held in this country. Invita-tions are being sent to all the live stock associations in this country, Mexico, and Canada to send delegates. Gov. Teresas, of the state of Coahuiha, Mexico, will be present and de-

Virginia State Republican Committee

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 7 .- A called meeting of the executive committee of the republican party of Virginia was held here this evening. Col. James D. Brady, chairman presided. All of the members were present By a unanimous vote the chairman was di-rected to call a meeting of the republican state central committee to be held here on Saturday the sixteenth instant, and the member of that committee have in accordance with the resolution been notified. In the senate to-day a bill vacating the offices of the direc tors and officers of the three lunatic asylums was passed. The lower house passed a bill gerrymandering the city of Petersburg in the ward boundaries. The effort to take from the ward boundaries. The effort to take from the executive the power to appoint county school superintendents and give it to a county board is still before the senate. It meets strong opposition among some of the bourbons.

American Agricultural Association. NEW YORK, Feb. 7 .- The convention of the American Agricultural association was continued to-day at the Grand Central hotel and was well attended. The Hon. E. D. and was well attended. The Holl. E. D. Loomis, of Connecticut, read a paper on "The exhaustion of the soil and the restoration of the soil and forests." Another paper was read by Mr. Powell, of Vermont, on "The vacuum system of treating milk." Theodore Savage, of Hamburg, Germany, explained the centrifugai system of separating cream from milk, and Congressman Caldwell, of Tennessee, spoke on a bill he has recently introduced in-to congress for the relief of the farmers of the United States by extending to them the benefits of the signal service. Dr. Byron D. Halstead, Dr. Robert Grimshaw, of New York, and Mr. J. J. Anderson, of Texas. also telivered addresses.

An Important Suit Deciden.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 7 .- The jury in the suit of the New Jersey West Line Railroad ompany against the American Dock and Improvement company, to determine the title to a strip of land at Communipaw now held by the New Jersey Central rairoad, under instructions from Judge Depne, gavea verdict to-day for the West Line company. This suit is one of the most important ever tried in the state, and involves the whole question of reparian rights.

The Hazing Investigation

ANNAPOLIS, Mp., Feb. 7,-The recent examination into the hazing at the naval scademy has been concluded, and enough evionce has been obtained to warrant a court martial in the cases of Cadets Jastremski, McKean, and Maxey, of first class, and Cadet Parker, third class. The latter has asked to but his resignation has not been acresign, cepted.

Sympathy Felt for the Cowheys. LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Feb. 7.-Corone Robinson commenced an inquiry at 4 o'clock this afternoon into the deaths of Catherine and Thomas Collier, who died within a few

of the discovery of traces of arsenic at the post mortem examination. At the conclusion of Dr. Hitchcock's testimony the inquest was adjourned till Saturday at 10 a.m. There was adjourned till Saturday at 10 a.m. There is still great excitoment over the affair, and much sympathy is expressed for John and Annie Cowhey, the brother and sister of Mrs. Collier, who are now held on a charge of poisoning their relatives, and the opinion is now gaining ground that Mrs. Collier either accidentally or intentionally caused they death of herself and her husband.

THE CITY OF COLUMBUS.

Testimony of the Fireman, the Purser, and the Steward at the Investigation. Boston, Feb. 7 .- At the third day's in ves tigation into the City of Columbus disaster this morning Thomas Leary, the fireraan, a. m. by the clock in the engine room; didn't know to what boat he was assigned; thought he saw a buoy on the port bow after day-light

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William C. Spaulding, the purser of the
wrecked vessel, testified to awakening the
passengers until he had to save himself;
tried to get on the liferaft, but it was swept
away before he could get to it; did not
preserve his passanger list; from memory can
state there were eighty-one paying passengers and five or six children under
4 years of age. Was assigned to port boat No.
5. Was in charge of it. Did not try to get
boat out after the ship struck. Never saw
this boat lowered in drill. Never took part
in any drill. He knew Second Officer Hardling to be in every sense temperate.

ing to be in every sense temperate.

Andrew F. Pitman, steward of the City of Columbus, testified that Frubur Hanson, one of the waiters whom he employed, had been assigned to act as a watchman in the saloon on the night of the wreek. After he went on deck he saw no officers, except Quartermaster Din. He made no attempt to lower boats. He was assigned to the liferaft, but did not

go to it as it was already full. The second mate never came to him for liquor. The captain never got any liquor from him. The examination was then adjourned until

Mr. Burnham, United States inspector, who was quoted yesterday as having stated that the captain of the steamer Glaucus informed the captain of the steamer Grancus informed him that he (the captain) saw the signals of distress on the steamer City of Columbus and passed on, not wishing to be delayed, now disclaims making any statement which could be so construed, and the captain of the steamer Glaucus denies that he made the statement ascribed to him.

A WEAVERS' UNION.

Probability of Its Formation in Connection With the Strike.

FALL RIVER, MASS., Feb. 7.—Considerable interest centers in the result of the movement to form a weavers' union. Preliminary steps toward organizing such a union will be taken to-morrow afternoon. Weavers' unions have been undertaken here in former years, but have been undertaken here in former years, but they have not resulted in a permanent organization like the spinuers' union. There are over 5,000 weavers in the city, and if organized they would be a powerful force, but their very number renders organization difficult. The strikes of weavers so far have been arranged on impulse without concerted action, and are really more annoying to the mills than the carefully planned and expected strikes of the spinuers. The manufacturers have, as yet, taken no action toward ordering a general lockout, but the spread of discontent among operatives, retoward ordering a general lockout, but the spread of discontent among operatives, resulting in these strikes among the various classes of help, lead many to the opinion that a shut down is the only effective method of putting an end to the present troubles. A mostroig on the best of the present week to consider the advisability of a general shut

The Martyrs' and O'Donnell's Defense Funds.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.-Col. James Cavanagh, Capt. O'Meagher Condon, Hon. T. V. Powderly, and Rev. George W. Pepper have comthe audit of the martyrs' and O'Bonnell defense funds. The total funds collected by Patrick Ford amount to \$65,098. The dis-bursements were \$8,000 to the families of martyrs, \$19,027 for legal defenses, including martyrs, \$19,027 for legal defenses, including Joseph Poole's defense in Dublin, and \$5,208 for miscellaneous disbarsements, leaving a balance on hand of \$32,801. A fund of \$5,000 has been placed in the hands of a committee to be distributed among the relatives of O'Donnell and a part of the remainder will be devoted to the erection of a monument to O'Donnell, in the abusebased of a native O'Donnell in the churchyard of a native village in Donegal.

Honors to De Long and His Comrades. NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The board of aldermen to-day provided for the appointment of a committee to co-operate with the mayor in taking appropriate action touching the arrival in this city of the remains of the men who lost their lives in the Jeannette expedition to the North Pole.

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The board also adopted resolutions constr-ing the employment of a British subject to perform the work of collecting the proceed-ings of the centennial evacuation day cele-bration, and requesting that the engrossing of the volumes be intrusted to one or more citizens, or competition be invited from the pupils and teachers of the public schools for the work.

A Verdict of Not Guilty in the Tivoli

Disaster Case.
Towson, Mp., Feb. 7.—In the case of Lowry Albert and Frank Debitius, charged with manslaughter in connection with the Tivoli pier disaster, the state's attorney con-Twell pier dissiter, the state a attornoy confessed a plea of not guilty as to Mr. Albert, the proprietor, and the judges before whom Debilius, the lessee, was tried (without a jury) to-day rendered a decision of not guilty. The parties were indicted for criminal carelessness in not keeping the pier in proper repair.

New York City Officials to be Elected. ALRANY, N. Y., Feb. 7.-A bill was intro-duced in the senate to-day providing for the election this fall of the council to the city of New York, the commissioner of public works, a president of the board of aldermen, and a compireller. The term of the present in-cumbents end on the first of January, and their elected successors are to be salaried.

Opening of a Railroad.

PETERSBURG. VA., Feb. 7,-The Atlantic and Danville railroad, running from Claremont to Danville, has been opened to Waverly, on the Norfolk and Western railroad, the first train, consisting of a passenger coach and a mail car, passing over it yesterday afternoon. The locomotive and coaches were draped with flags.

The Swindlers of Gen. Grant Convicted. NEW YORK, Feb. 7 .- Thomas Roddy and Albert C. Greene, who were arrested recently for swindling Alderman Waite, Gen. Lloyd Aspinwall, Gen. Grant, Ellhu Root, Hamilton Fish, and others by obtaining their subscrip-tions to a bogus charity, were convicted to-day in general sessions and remanded for sen-Acquitted Because He Was Drunk.

POUGIEREPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 7.-The trial of John H. Quinn, formerly an attache of the Lotus club, New York city, indicted for arson in firing the Poughkeepsie hotel, has resulted in acquittal, the jury believing he was so drank at the time that he did not know what he was doing.

Meeting of Republicans Prohibited. Madrid, Feb. 7.-The government has de-

hours of each other from arsonical poisoning, at Laurel Hill, last week. Dr. Dewitt Hitchcock, of this city, was the only witness called. lie described the condition of the deceased when he was called, and told of his prescription of antidotes for an irritant poison, and

MR. COLDWELL'S DEATH.

Sketch of His Life and Circumstances of His Death.

Mr. Joseph T. Coldwell, who had been lying ill since Sunday from the effects of being run over Sunday afternoon by a horse and carriage, died at his residence, 469 Missouri avenge, this morning at 12:30 o'clock. His death was apparently easy, and consciousness was restored just before dissolution. Immediately before death he looked up at his wife, smiled

before death he looked up at his wife, smiled recognition, and then passed away.

Mr. Coldwell was 53 years old. He was a native of Petersburg, Va., and first came to Washington in 1852. He married in this city and returned to Virginia in 1861, coming back after the war and residing here ever since. He was an estimable and respected citizen, whose death will be greatly deplored. Mr. Coldwell was a member of Excelsior lodge No. 14, K. P., and of the Endowment rank, K. P. He was commander of Washington division No. 1, Uniformed rank, K. P., past grand chaucellor and past supreme representative of that order. He had also been a Red Man, Odd Fellow, and a member of the Order of Mechanics.

Mr. Coldwell leaves a widow, nee Miss Virginia Williams. He has two brothers in Richmond and one in Petersburg. His funeral will be determined upon hersafter.

A LEAP YEAR MASQUERADE.

How the Young Ladies of Georgetown Exercise Quadrennial Privileges.

A very pleasant leap year mask and fancy dress party was given by a club of young ladies last night at the residence of Mr. F. W. Jones, N street, West Washington. The costumes were many and varied, some of them very handsome and others very amusing. Among these present, and their characters were, Miss Orndorff, Roman Peasant; Miss Nellie Orndorff, Sweet Dorothy; Miss Alico Mitchell, Court Lady; Miss Mamie Mitchell, Crazy Quilt; Miss Lawson, Spanish Lady; Miss Powell, Night; Miss Etta Bootes, Swept Alice; Miss Lizzle Bootes, Snowflake; Miss Libbie Bootes, Swits peasant; Miss Ada Welch, Lady Teazle; Miss Bessie Jones, Bo Peep; Miss Mabel Jones, Child of the Regiment; Miss Robrer, Tamborine Girl; Misses Lillie and Bertie Welch, Helen's Babies; Miss Letch, Faust's Marguerite; Miss Edila Shoemaker, Topsey; Miss Risie Casilear, Nancy Lee; Miss Florrie Welch, Flower Girl; Miss Annie Davidson, The Press; Miss Maggie Davidson, GipsyFortune Teller; Miss Estelle Shoemaker, Folly, Miss Jennie Cartwright, Lady Jane Groy; Miss Nellie Cartwright, Indian Girl; J. E. Mayfield, Turk; L. Bradley, Sailor; Mr. Darnelle, Devil: Mr. Harry Nicholson, Dick Deadeyer, Mr. Thomas, Dromie; Mr. Newton Brewer, Blue Domine; Ed. Farrell, Count Gentleman; Mr. Graham, Fat Boy; Mr. McLaughlin, Cadet; Thomas Prone; L. Kidwell, Dude, and many others. Among those present, and their characters were, Miss Orndorff, Roman Peasant; Miss well, Dude, and many others.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK.

A Brilliant Ball Brilliantly Conducted at Abner's Last Night.

Knights of St. Patrick have established for themselves a reputation for the successes they have achieved. This reputation was fully borne out by their annual ball at Abner's last night. It was evident, however, that "Jupiter Pluvins," who regularly attends overy event given by the knights, would be on hand, and at 8 o'clock it was raining hard. This did not dampen "the enthusiasm of the knights, however, nor of their friends, as both were present in large numbers. The hell was wnombartable crowded, and when the music struck up in the green flag with its harp and the stars and stripes blending harmoniously at every point. Twenty-four select dances left but little else for the young people to do, and almost every lady's card was filled with engagements. The arrangements were complete in every detail, the numerous committees very successfully exerting themselves to please. The knights tion was fully borne out by their annual ball in their bright uniforms were much admired for their soldierly appearance and gallant bearing. By invitation of the home knights a delegation of the Battimore Knights were

a delegation of the Battimore Langhts were present. They were Peter Flaherty, John Murray, Bernard Doyle, Matthew Shea, S. E. Brooks, Francis Maloy, E. D. Develigne, Frank Donaldson, and M. J. O'Brien. Among those present were Mrs. McDonald, Miss Rengan, Mr. and Mrs. Foley, E. T. Duck-ley and wife, Miss O'Brien, P. Moore and wife, Wm. McGuire and ladies, M. Horrigan wide, Mr. R. Cartin and Jaley, J. Cartin and wire, win, stetutie and ladies, al. Horrigan and lady, R. Curtin and lady, J. Curtin and ladies, R. Davis and lady, Miss Cumberlaud, Miss Kelly, Miss Reagan, Miss Ella Ryan, Miss Mamie Kearney, Miss Toumey, Mrs. Con-nelly, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Belly, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Nolad, Mr. and Mrs. Kilroy, Misses, O'Erien, Misses Hickoy, Miss Maggie Horrigan, Miss Jonnie Horrigan, Miss Digrey, Miss Buckley, Miss Minnie Spresses, Miss Mollie Kilroy, Messrs, Gil-hooly and Waters, and about 400 others. oly and Waters, and about 400 others,

A Heavy Sentence.

The chief of the postofilce inspectors has received a telegram from Texas stating that the three Barkers, who were arrested for robbing a mail stage on Jan. 3, have been convicted in the United States court and sentenced to imprisonment for life. As it was discovered that they were already under a ten years' sentence for horse stealing, they were surrendered to the state authorities, and when they have served that sentence the government will claim their persons.

Death of an Estimable Lady.

Mrs. Emma J. Pearson, mother of the late Mr. Joseph L. Pearson, passed quietly away resterday at her residence, 805 Eleventh street northwest, in the 77th year of he Deceased was the relict of the late Pet Pearson, one of the oldest citizens of Wash-ington. The funeral will take place Saturington. The funeral will day afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The President's Reception.

The President of the United States will receive the officers of the army and the ladies of their families, to meet the diplomatic corps, from 8 to 10 p. m. on Tuesday, the twelfth instant. Officers attending the recoption will appear in full-dress uniform. A Defaulting Postmaster,

Inspector Thomas, of the postoffice department, has been ordered to place the postmaster at Abilenc, Tex., under arrest, a defalcation of \$1,500 having been discovered in

his accounts. To Richmond.

Parties desiring to go to Richmond with the St. Cecilia Quartette this (Friday) morn-ing should call on Dr. Bischoff before 10 a. m. Fare round trip, 55. Train leaves B. and m. Fare round. P. depot at 11:05 a. m.

Poisoned by Eating Canned Tomatoes, CENTRALIA, PA., Feb. 7.-Three young men named Geiger, residing near Slabtown, have been poisoned by eating canned tomatoes. Their deaths are momentarily expected. Two children of the same family are suffering from the same cause.

Redistricted Ohio. Columnus, Feb. 7.—The bill redistricting the state for congressional purposes became a

law to-day. It gives the democrats twelve districts and the republicans nine. The Weather.

Culder, partly cloudy weather, and light rains, fol-owed by coaring weather, northwest to southwest winds, falling barometer in northern half, rising folsed by falling barometer to southern half, and ris

emperature on Saturday. Yestgrday's thermometer 7 a. m., 52.59; 11 a. m., 55.0°, 5 p. m., 55.2°; 7 p. m., 48.0°; 11 p. m., 41.4°; maximum, 50.9°; minimum, 40.9°. Precipita-

OUR INLAND SEA.

The Mississippi Improvement Convention A1journs After Finishing Its Labors.

Its Work Embodied in the Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Speeches of Distinguished Geptlemen Favoring the Plan of Improvement

The Great Tributaries of the Father of Waters Included in the Scheme,

The closing session of the Mississippi river convention began at 10 o'clock yesterday morning in Lincoln hall. Congressman Honk, of Tennessee, was invited to a seat on

the platform. Mr. Pholps offered a series of resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, thanking various persons and firms for their courtesies; also the district commissioners, and especially Gen. West, for his elequent speech

sies; also the district commissioners, and especially Gen. West, for his elequent speech of welcome, the city press for their reports, and the youths who have acted as pages.

The committee on resolutions then presented its unanimous and final report, viz:
Your committee on resolutions having carefully considered the various resolutions referred to them, respectingly submit for your consideration the following:
Whereas this convention, representing the broad acres of eighteen states and torntories, the people of which are intensely interested in a cheaper transportation from producer to constant, of all the produces of the country, whether of the soil, the mine, or the factory, has assemble 1 at the national capital expressly to give utterance to the popular desire for the continuous improvement and extension of the great western waterway. Be it interelors

He seast (first), That the interests for which the soll, the mine, or the factory, has assembled at the highest degree, to consideration from the unitonia legislature, to which is entraited by the constitution, as well as the regulation of commerce affected a aircand one-half that of the whole United states, more than twelve times greater than the total foreign commerce of the whole United states, more than twelve times greater than the total foreign commerce of the whole United states, more than twelve times greater than the total foreign commerce of the whole United states, more than twelve times greater than the total foreign commerce of the whole United states, more than twelve times greater than the total foreign commerce of the marked.

Upon this vast commerce has been levied, year by year, a direct and wasteful tax, a normal support it from such needless burdens by remaining the states and a surjection. To have acquired these fractions and are their resistless energies is the achievement of its latest accience. It is for the statesmanship of to-day to complete that triumph by calling that science permanently to its side.

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2. That we carnestly reaffirm the declaration of
the river improvement convention, which met at
St. Louis in October, 1881; that it is the manifest
and imperative duty of the government of the
United States to cause to be made such improvement of the Missispip irver and its navigable
tributaries as shall permanently secure the safe
and easy navigation thereof. Especially is this
duty obvious sud our demand justified in view of
the donations already made by congress in land,
amounting to nearly 20,000,000 screa, and in
bonds, issued or guaranteed, nearly \$100,000,000
invite in aid of artificial highways, the property of
individuals, and which even is lowest rates must
furnish the most easily form of transportation on
a large scale, as compared with appropriations
not yet so great as one-tent in all for the improvement of more than 15,000,000 miles of natural
is procedion 19 conference in the case of the conthey afford the most efficient eneck upon the exorbitant charges by any other route to the sea.

2. That we also emphatically approve of the appointment by congress of the Mississippi river
commission as the first well-considered and efficient say town and permanently opening the Mississippi valley to the markets of the world. The
work of the commission has passed out of the regen of experiment and has fully justified the expenditure made and plans adopted for the improvement of the lower river. We specially ap-

gon of experience and has fully institled the expenditure made and plans adopted for the improvement of the lower river. We specially approve their plan for preserving to the main river all the water of all its tribularies, and for removing all obstructions, whether natural or artificial, which may tend to deflect or draw off any partion of the same. We also declare that the system now being successfully presecuted under the direction of the secretary of war for the improvement of the upper Mississphi meets with general approval. In the judgment of this convention the said improvement ought to be continued under the same system, general plan, and jurisdiction, respectively, as at present. We also carnestly urge upon congress that the scientific and comprehensive system of river improvement of the Missistryl, should be applied without deby to the complete and permanent improvement of the Missistryl, the Onto, and other navigable rivers, and a true conomy dictates that all such work should be carried on by liberal and

provement by a connectent commission, thus inangurated as to the Mississippi, should be applied
without delay to the complete and permanent improvement of the Missouri, the Onto, and other
invigable rivers, and a true economy dictates that
all such work should be carried on by liberal and
regular appropriations.

4. That in the interest of cheap transportation,
and to siferd a choice of water routes to the seaboard, we regard connections between the upper
mavigable waters of the Missispipi and the great
lakes as of great importance, and that congress in
making appropriations ought to have regard to
the establishment of free water communication
between the valley of the great river of the weat
and the idewater of the cast, in accordance with
the recommendations heretofore made by the
President of the United States in his special missage on this subject.

5. That we desire to express our cordial appreciation and acknowledgment of the broat and
parfolic views expressed and the important services rendered to the improvement of the Waterways of the west by the President of the United
States in his official acts and dicarations from the
time of his accession to that high office.

6. We also recognize the west at the same
time observing with satisfaction the recent recommendation of the senate select committee on the
Mississippi river improvements that "if the want
of improvements be worth doing, it is worth doing
well, and that to secure therotophness, permanency, and economy in its prosecution, a uniform
system about be each steed and adhered to."

7. That we also recognize with satisfaction the
benefits that have resulted to the navigation of
the Mississippi river improvements that "if the want
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7. That we also recognize with satisfaction the
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the Mississippi riv

ing and distributing the proceedings of this convention.
Your committee, by way of supplemental reports state that they have given thougatful attention to the various resolutions offered to the convention intended to remedy the dangers to navigation, resulting from hoproper bridging, on the western rivers, and also to the imperiest and endangerest harbors in the friable binks at Vick-burg and other towns and cities of the lower Mississippi. Your committee, however, deem the matters embraced in the first set of resolutions to belong to the police power of the government. It should be earnestly invoked to remove any artificial obfirenctions to the navigation of our rivers, while tas latter resolutions pertain to maiters clearly embraced within the lawful powers of the river commission, to be exercised as soon as practicable, Your committee consider most favorably the singgestions contained in both sots of resolutions, but do not deem them appropriate matters for action by way of general resolutions, performing to call special attention to them in this supplemental report, and not doubting that the proper officers of the government will take appropriate steps in relation to the same.

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Congressman Houk then addressed the convention. He said that while he would yote for the most liberal appropriations for the Mississippi river, he would also yote for equally liberal appropriations for all the tributaries. They should not, however, fat-ter themselves that every one thought as they did; they would meet antagonisms, and he

would advise them to place their claims upon such broad grounds as at once to do away with small local opposition. Hon, William H. Hatch, of Missouri, fol-